

**Executive Order 2007-02**  
**Expanding Arizona's Transportation Options**

**WHEREAS**, Arizona is now the fastest growing state in the nation, adding new residents at the rate of 3.6 percent annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's explosive growth has burdened its infrastructure, including its transportation systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona remains predominantly reliant on the automobile, and our rapid growth has caused unprecedented congestion on our highways and surface streets; and

**WHEREAS**, time spent caught in traffic represents a "time tax" to motorists and hinders Arizonan's ability to work productively, contribute to their communities, be with their families, and enjoy the blessings of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, to sustain Arizona's growth and prepare for its future, new transportation strategies must be explored and developed rapidly;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Arizona Department of Transportation ("ADOT") is directed to provide, within the next 90 days, a detailed list of options for mass transit, commuter rail and/or light rail to serve and connect as efficiently as possible those Arizona communities for which such options would be cost-effective. The report should include preliminary estimates of the cost of each option; an assessment of whether and how the private sector could be encouraged to offer or assist with each option, and, to the extent public money is required, recommendations regarding how to finance each option.
2. Copies of the report shall be distributed to the Governor, the President of the Arizona Senate and the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

  
GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-First.

**ATTEST:**

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

